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SENATOR KIEL: ...use of more lethal means during attempts. In other words, it's much more likely that you're going to be successful in killing yourself or that a young person will be successful in killing themselves if they have access to a gun. Guns are the method used in 65 percent of male teen suicides and 47 percent of female teen suicides. The message that we are sending again is that if there are more guns available it's more likely that you can solve your problems with the use of guns, and what we are actually doing it making it more likely that young people will be successful in killing themselves. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kiel. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've been going through this bill. It's a very long one. On page 10 is something very interesting. This is one of the "disqualifiers" for a person carrying a concealed weapon: "He or she does not use alcohol or other substances, to the extent that his or her normal faculties are impaired, on a chronic or habitual basis". How do you know that? I'd like to ask Senator Janssen a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Janssen, would you yield?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Janssen, suppose a person drinks to excess. How do you prove that this is done in a way that's chronic or habitual?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, chronic or habitual would be someone who is, in my opinion, Senator Chambers,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...would be someone who drinks all day long...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So how do you...

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...you know, at any time of the day.